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1. Workers' battalions, under the management of the Ivo Lucic-Lavcevic Military Construction Enterprise are engaged in work on the following military installations on the Island of Mljet:
 - a. Soldiers' barracks in the village of Babino Polje. They include a large two-story building and three smaller buildings, one of which will serve as a kitchen and another as a depot. Begun in October 1950, the buildings are being constructed on the edge of the village where they are not easily seen from the sea.
 - b. Fortifications on the two extreme capes of the Island, Cape Golj and on the southwest and Cape Gruj on the southeast points of the Island. Bunkers for coastal artillery are built on the small hill above the sea on Cape Golj and similar work, although on a smaller scale, is under construction on Cape Gruj.
 - c. An observation station on Govedari Hill, beside Govedari Village, on the Western part of the Island. The station, which is connected with Sipanj and Korcula Island, is only equipped with an Aldis lamp and a Tajmunc lamp and its crew consists of eight sailors lead by a senior platoon chief.
 - d. A new observation station, under construction since the summer of 1950, on Zmiska Glava Hill (Cote 293), northwest of Babino Polje, which is also expected to serve as an artillery observation post. An earlier footpath to the point has been enlarged into a road.
2. Headquarters command of the worker's battalions is housed in Babino Polje Village. There are 800 soldiers permanently employed on the construction.

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